



African American Resources Advisory Commission

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 3, 2016

The African American Resources Advisory Commission convened in a meeting on Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at Street-Jones Building, Room 400 in Austin, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Vice Chair Eugene.

African American Resources Advisory Commissioners:

Present: LaTisha Anderson, Jessica Faith Carter, Chiquita Eugene, Vice Chair, Clifford Gillard, Tam Hawkins, Daryl Horton, Chair, Marissa Jones, Michael Lee, Tam Hawkins, Nelson Linder, Kenneth Thompson, Aaron Whatley, Greg Smith, and Aaron Whatley.

Absent: Ruthie Redmond, Aaron Demerson, and Lisa Fritsch.

City Staff in Attendance: Economic Development Department (EDD) Assistant Director Sylnovia Holt-Rabb, EDD Small Business Program Manager Vicky Valdez, EDD Economic and Business Development Liaison Dusty McCormick, Interim Assistant City Manager Mark Washington, EDD Development Services Administrator and Liaison Linda Hayes.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes of the July 13, 2016 meeting were approved as corrected.

Citizen Communication: None

Presentations:

1. Commander Troy Officer, along with Officers Black and Cummings presented information about District Representatives and about the East Substation on Springdale Road. They discussed community policing in the central east neighborhood, youth homeless camps, and their efforts to speak with college students at Huston Tillotson University.
2. Assistant City Manager Mark Washington distributed copies of City Council's budget concept menu and discussed the City's base budget as well as the concept menu.
3. Kymberley Maddox, Assistant Director of the City's Health Human Services Department presented a brief overview on the department's budget.
4. Jonathan Tomko, Planner Senior in the City's Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department presented the department's draft Affordable Living Plan and noted the public comment process regarding the plan.

Working Groups:

1. No update on the By-Laws Working Group



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2. The Budget Working Group prioritized Council's Concept Menu items and budget recommendations as critical, essential, and important.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A special-called meeting was scheduled for August 6, 2016 at 11:00 AM with the Mayor, Austin police, Council Member Houston, NAACP President Nelson Linder, and other community leaders at Huston Tillotson University. The meeting will be moderated by Commissioner Kenneth Thompson and a quorum of Commission members is required.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM by Chair Daryl Horton